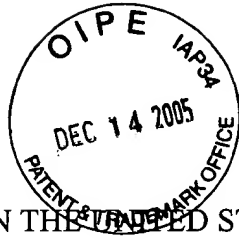


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

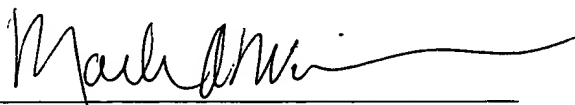
Sir:

Applicants, having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85) dated November 10, 2005, submit the following comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto.

In the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner listed reasons for allowance of the claims. However, the allowable features noted by the Examiner are not recited in each claim. For example, independent Claims 8 and 9 are directed to an apparatus and do not recite any steps. Further, independent claims 3 and 9 do not recite the listed features in the saving function invalidating step (or means). Nevertheless, all of the claims are believed to be allowable for their combination of claimed features.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Williamson', written over a horizontal line.

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